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Things that go 'bump' in the night

Scary stories enchant imaginations

Jeanne Kolker

Halloween is fast approaching, ghosts and ghouls are soon encroaching, no need to be afraid of the dark, it's only the spirit of Mary Frances Clarke!

The long tradition of ghost stories told at Clarke is a subject of dispute among teachers and students. Some say they believe in ghosts, some say ghost stories are merely tales made up by seniors to scare new students. By considering some of the following stories, it is up to the reader to make the decision.

Everyone has heard the stories of Mary Frances Hall being haunted, especially the fourth floor, which is now uninhabited by students. It is a popular belief that fourth floor was closed because of ghosts.

The east wing of fourth floor is named red wing, because the floor is painted red. The story that all Clarke freshmen hear is that the floors were painted red because a student committed suicide up there, and the blood stains would not come out of the floors, so they were painted red. It is said to have been haunted since.

"None of that is true," said Sister Xavier Coens, an associate professor emerita of drama who was once the head of the physical plant. "The ghost and suicide stories aren't true. Seniors used to enjoy scaring freshmen with stories about the ghost of Mary Frances Clarke."

The upperclassmen used to play a joke on the freshmen on Nov. 1, when they least expected it, according to Sister Xavier. They would dress up in gowns and pretend to be nuns and jump out at the freshmen, telling them they were the spirit of Mary Frances Clarke.

Sister Xavier attributes the age of the building to the perpetuation of the sto-

ries. The floors in the rooms are wooden, and therefore are often creaky. It is the oldest dorm on campus, and it is built differently than the newer dorms.

"I love living in Mary Fran. The rooms have character, and it's nice to think about all of the students that have been there before me. I have never had anything out of the ordinary happen to me over there," said Mary Fran resident Laura Stephany, a senior business major.

Truth or Tale?

Most residents of Mary Fran say the same thing, but there are a few who have stories to tell. Believe them or not:

Amy Herr, a 1996 Clarke graduate had this story to tell: "The first day I moved into my room in Fran, before I moved any of my stuff in, I went into the room to see how it was arranged. The windows were closed and the phone was on the floor. I opened the windows, moved the desk against the opposite wall, and put the phone on the desk. I locked it and left to get my loft and left me. I felt all the pressure leave as I woke up."

The same resident recently heard a very strange noise coming from above his room around 1 a.m. He said he could hear a creaking noise like a rocking chair rocking back and forth steadily for over an hour. There are no rooms above his, except the deserted rooms on fourth floor.

The student admits that all of these occurrences may just be coincidental, but they are "definitely different."

When Herr came back a few hours later, the door was still locked, but the windows were closed again, the desk was moved back, and the phone was back on the floor.

"Everything was back to the way it was before I rearranged it. I know no one else was in my room."

Another student had similar stories to tell. He lived on third floor of Mary Fran, and on more than one occasion, items would disappear from his room. He said he looked everywhere for them, virtually turning his room upside down, but couldn't find them.

Then, right when he needed these items the most, they would be in a very obvious place where he had already looked. He said that happened with various objects at different times.

The same student believes a ghost may have been in his bed one night when he was asleep.

"I was all alone in my room, and I'm not sure if it could have been a dream, but I felt like something was pushing up on my bed from underneath, and I felt a pressure next to me in bed. At first I thought someone was there, but I looked and didn't see anyone. Then, I could feel the pressure relax and move down my bed, like it climbed off my loft and left me. I felt all the pressure leave as I woke up."

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Story-telling

Since Halloween is traditionally the time to scare up some spirits, in past years Clarke has sponsored a storyteller from the community to share Dubuque ghost lore. Unfortunately, Jim Ryan, who was famous for sharing his spooky stories with Clarke students on Halloween, passed away recently. Jack Bogacz, assistant dean of students, said he is looking for someone to tell stories this year, so be aware of signs posting

information about this Clarke tradition.

Although some students are content to just hear ghost stories, other students insist on trying to conjure up their own ghosts. Junior Michelle Thompson boasted of holding a type of "seance" with a group of students in Mary Fran, by using a Ouija board, a board that is supposed to facilitate communication between the living and the dead. They were in the chapel on third floor of Mary Fran, and Thompson claims to have spoken with the ghost of a deceased woman. Thompson said she believes in ghosts, and she's "not afraid of them, but would be very scared to see one."

The list of ghost stories that students have heard from one another could go on and on, and people's fascination with the supernatural certainly doesn't just happen at Halloween, but it is intensified at this time of year. Halloween began as Holy Eve, because Nov. 1 is All Saint's Day, according to Sister Xavier. She said that perhaps the fascination with ghosts began because all of the saints are deceased, but people believe they can work miracles, possibly by coming back from the grave.

"The supernatural is an enigma, and people are interested in mysteries," said Sister Joan Lingen, professor of art and art history.

Ghost or boast?

Many students have a story to tell, but whether they are believable or not is up to the listener. With Clarke's long history, it is easy for student's imaginations to run wild with tales of spirits and bumps in the night.

Band to play in Halloween parade

By Angie Bicker

The Instrumental Ensemble and 1550 will be performing in the Dubuque Halloween Parade at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28.

This is Clarke's fourth year participating in the Halloween Parade. David Resnick, instrumental director at Clarke, said Clarke takes part in the parade for fun and to get the college's name out into the community. He said this shows that Clarke is not only a good place to learn but is also a place to have fun.

The parade float will be driven by Tracy Leibfried's father who owns a big trucking business. Resnick said Leibfried is a senior nursing student on campus. He said the float will have six singers on it who will be singing an original song composed by Resnick called "Happy Howl, Erl King."

Angie Petit, band president, said some of the members of last year's 1550 Swing Choir will be singing at the front of the Halloween float.

The Halloween Parade float will be decorated on the Clarke campus. Petit said the float will be decorated the Sunday and Monday before the parade in the Mary Ben parking lot or outside on the street.

The Halloween parade has given Clarke a positive response. "This is the biggest audience we will have all year with around 5,000 people. The impressions the audience receives are lasting," Resnick said.

The Halloween parade route begins at Jackson Park, goes down Main Street, and ends at Washington Park. Resnick said it takes about an hour and a half to walk through the entire parade.

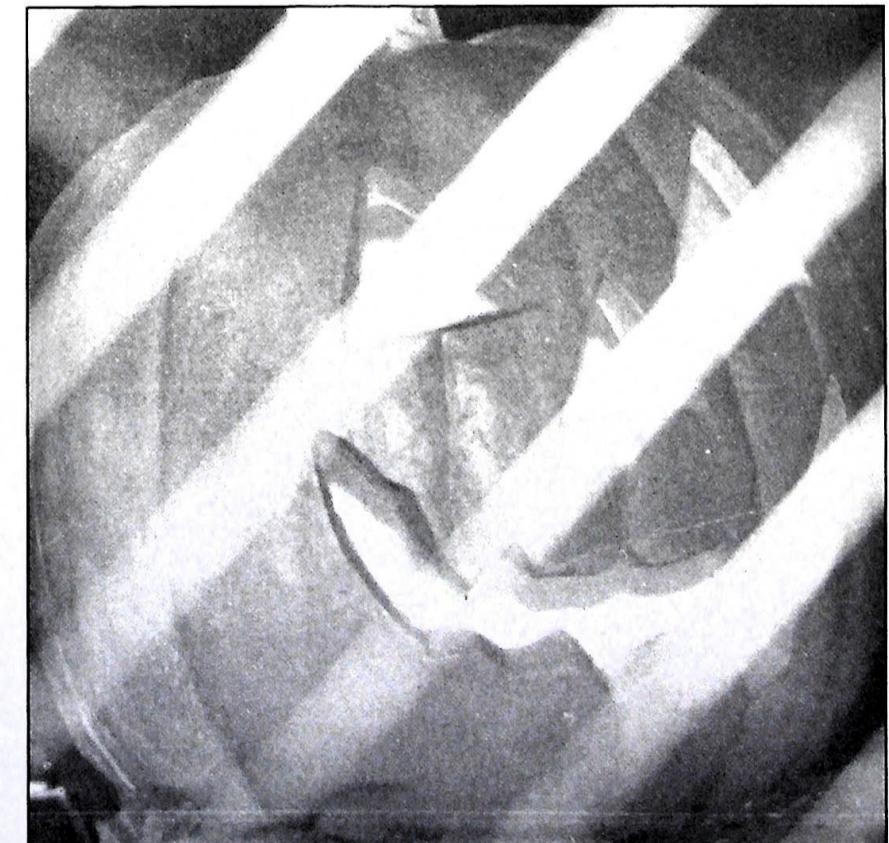


Photo by Evan Siegle



NEWS

Koster brings experience to field

By Angie Bicker and Jeanne Kolker

Barrett Koster is the new assistant professor in the computer science department this year and is teaching introduction to computer science, software engineering, data communications, and UNIX operating systems.

Koster said he had many teaching offers at other institutions in addition to Clarke. "There are a lot of different approaches to undergraduate teaching. It came down to a comparison of very different schools.

"One school was mostly commuter students. They make good students but bad classes because it is hard to form a community with students that commute. I was interviewed at another college where the students partied all the time and that is not a good thing. I liked the Midwest and grew up in Cincinnati, which is like Dubuque with the hills and the river," he said.

Koster holds a Ph.D. in computer science from North Carolina State, and earned his master's at Duke University. He began his graduate studies in 1982 and finished in 1995. His doctoral work was concentrated on natural language processing. He explains this as "getting computers to deal with language the way we do."

Before accepting the position at Clarke, Koster had a part-time job at

Jacksonville State University in Alabama for one semester teaching computer science.

"It was a good warmup for this position and helped get rid of the classroom jitters," Koster said.

In addition to teaching, he is also exploring the possibility of a new lab on campus. Koster said a new computer lab is being formed by money from the Title III grant that has been providing Clarke with computer resources. He said he is a player in the project and gets to figure out what goes into the new lab.

According to Bob Adams, assistant professor in the computer science department, the lab is still in the planning stages, but it looks to be an asset mainly to computer science majors. It would be much like the ELECT lab, but a step above, with more advanced programs for those majoring in computers.

Another aspect of the lab will provide Koster the opportunity to continue his research with computerized lip synchronization.

"There is a program called 'Owie' that makes an animated picture of a person talking just from the sound of his/her voice. I am concentrating on speech to help the deaf to view such things as animated movies," he said.

Besides Koster's opportunity to work with the new lab, he said he is satisfied



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with all that he has experienced of Clarke, and that the people are friendly and competent.

Another positive aspect of his job pertains to the sense of community on campus.

"I feel there is a community here and I

want to encourage it," Koster said.

Koster moved to Dubuque with his wife, who is employed by the Telegraph Herald. They purchased a house nearby so they could be involved in both the school and the community. ♦

Bodeans

The Loras College Student Senate and College Activities Board present the BoDeans in a college concert on Sunday, Nov. 3 in the Gruber Center. Tickets are priced at \$17 for students and will be available for purchase beginning Monday, Oct. 28. Doors to the concert will open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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CIO/CSMO unite to form one group

By Ryan Pierson

UNITY, the United Nationalities Involved to Teach the Youth, is the combination of the Clarke International Organization (CIO) and the Clarke Student Multicultural Organization (CSMO). The two groups joined together at the beginning of the semester to prevent the stereotyping of each individual organization.

UNITY officers this year are Martin Gentry, president; Dede McCoy, vice president; Robb McColley, co-vice president; Ardel Sanders, treasurer; Maria Ortiz, recording secretary. So far, there are between 35 and 40 people involved with UNITY. Anyone is welcome to the general meetings held every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Mary Josita Formal Lounge.

Bud Edwards, a Clarke counselor who is on the UNITY board of advisors, said the purpose of the organization is to provide awareness to the campus about cultural differences, and provide both a social outlet for students and service opportunities.

Gentry said some of the upcoming events UNITY has planned are an ethnic dinner, a Halloween party for Heartland Housing Initiative, a dance, and panel discussions.

SPRING BREAK Mazatlan, April 17 nights hotel/free night, social discounts, (800)366-4786.

Antioch retreat applications due

The annual Antioch retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry is just around the corner, Nov. 15-17.

The Antioch weekend is designed to help students more deeply understand

Christianity, experience Christian community, and become motivated to engage more actively in the Christian mission of service to others. Campus Ministry has found it to be an extremely effective way

of deepening the spiritual life of our Clarke students, even for students who are not Christian but want to probe the meaning of life.

Applications are due Friday, Nov. 1. ♦

Students become aware of dangers

By Ryan Pierson

This past week, Clarke College had many activities promoting National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

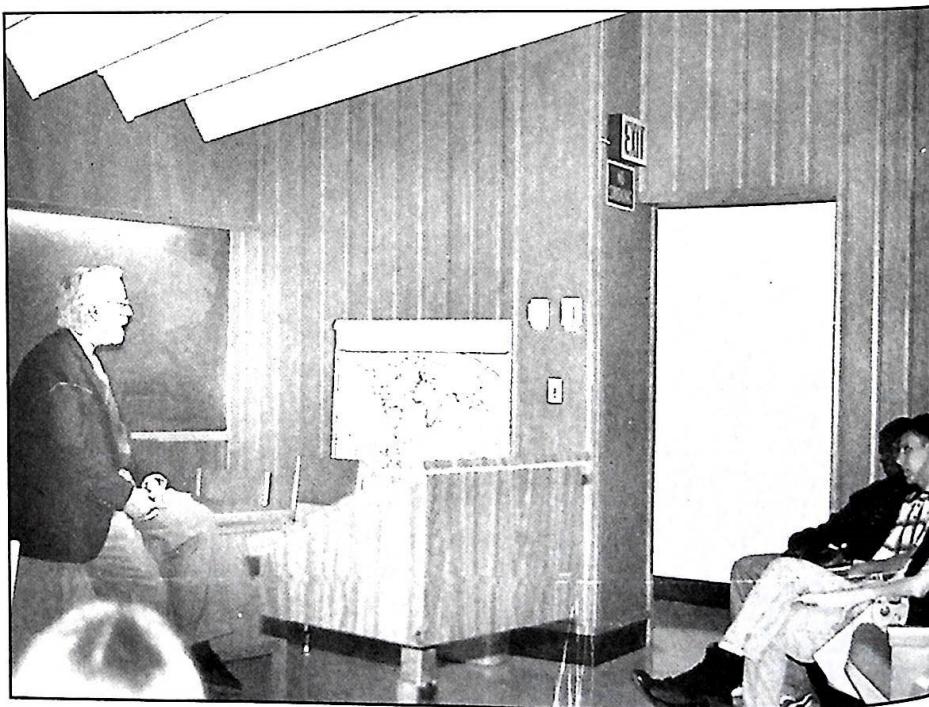
Monday night, in the Mary Ben lounge, the residence life staff of Mary Ben sponsored "Trauma Nurses Talk Tough." Kris Wegmann, a registered nurse from Mercy Hospital, was the guest speaker.

Tuesday night, in the Alumnae Lecture Hall, the Counseling Center and the Mary Jo residence life staff sponsored "Violence and Alcohol." The guest speaker was Bill Schnoebel, from the Substance Abuse Services. Social Action Theatre also performed.

Wednesday night, at the Campus Ministry Center, the Counseling Center and Mary Fran resident assistants were to sponsor "Concerns of Family and Friends" for those people who have relationships with alcohol abusers. Following the program, there was to have been a root beer float study break over at the Union sponsored by Food Services.

Thursday night, at the Jansen Music Hall, Kim Lombardi was slated to present a program on underage drinking.

Alcohol is the cause of many deaths in the U.S. According to the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center in Cedar Rapids, IA and from North Central College Association, some statistics related to alcohol include: 100,000 deaths annually in the U.S. are due to alcohol use; traffic fatalities are the leading cause of accidental death; 40 percent of all traffic



Bill Schnoebel, a certified addictions counselor, speaks to Clarke College students about substance abuse. Many activities were held promoting Alcohol Awareness Week on Clarke's campus.

fatalities are alcohol related; 60 percent of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV can be associated with alcohol use; 90 percent of rape can be directly linked to alcohol use; nearly 1/2 of all college students binge drink; binge drinking for males is five or more drinks in a three to four hour period of time; binge drinking for females is four or more drinks in a three to four hour period of time; as many

as 360,000 of the nation's 12 million traditional college students will ultimately die of alcohol related causes while in school;

Not only is alcohol deadly, college students get themselves into major financial difficulty because of it. Each year college students spend \$5.5 billion on alcohol: this is more than they spend on books, soda, coffee, juice and milk combined. ♦

ENTERTAINMENT



Faculty recital to feature Rowe

Wendy Rowe, adjunct vocal instructor at Clarke College, will present a faculty soprano recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, in Jansen Music Hall. Admission is free.

Rowe's operatic roles have ranged from "Maria" in *Westside Story* to "Mimi" in *LaBoheme*. Her performance experience includes classics such as Bach, Mozart and Handel's "Messiah." She has had a private studio in Madison for the past seven years and has been a frequent guest soloist with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony and University of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra.

Her recital will feature a variety with selections ranging from classics by Handel to newly composed works by Karlos Moser, director of opera at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. According to Rowe, half of the works featured in this recital are in English. She will perform several Ladino, or Sephardic Jewish, songs; two selections from Samuel Barber's "Hermit Songs;" several show tunes by Sondheim; and five popular Greek melodies in French by Ravel.

Rowe is the 1996 winner of the Eastern Wisconsin Metropolitan Opera Competition and most recently received the Artist Development Award, given annually to an alum of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has also won the National Mozart Aria Competition and the Federation of Music Club Award. She received her bachelor's degree and master's degree, both in vocal performance, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Bodeans to rock Dubuque

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of strong radio support, the BoDeans have had to move their records by relying on concert audiences. The band produced dozens of made-for-radio near-hits but could not yield a hit single.

Joe Dirt Car, the BoDean's most recent double-disc live set on *Slash/Reprise*, marks the band's sixth album. The songs contained on the album represent originals from five previous, diverse, critically praised studio albums. This current release provides listeners the opportunity to hear the material reinterpreted by the band at the peak of its power.

Sam Llanas-aka Sammy BoDean- and

Kurt Neumann represent the essence of the BoDeans with their voices, their guitars and their songs.

The two band members, who have been partners since high school in Milwaukee, Wis., have earned the label as one of the greatest double-threat partnerships in rock and roll.

Llanas state that Joe Dirt Car is the best representative of the many sides of the BoDeans. If the fans have yet to really buy a record from us, this is the one to get. It's really a fine representation of what we do.



Photo by Evan Siegle

The Non-trads are having a Halloween Party in the Union, on Oct. 27 from 2-6 p.m. There will be food and prizes. Games will be from 2-4 p.m. Burgers and brats will be served at 5 p.m. Non-trads should bring a dish to pass. Costumes are optional.

Events calendar

Friday, October 25

Moonlight Madness, Kehl Center
Men's soccer v. Bethel College, 4 p.m.
Movie "Birdcage," Union, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 26

Shane Oswald Dr. recital, Jansen Music Hall, 3 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Augsburg College, noon
Women's soccer vs. Bethel College, 2 p.m.

Movie "Birdcage," Union, 8 p.m.
Club Clarke, Union, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. (Free if you are wearing pajamas)

Sunday, October 27

Faculty recital: Wendy Rowe, Jansen Music Hall, 3 p.m.
Non-Traditional Student/Family Halloween Party, Union, 5-7 p.m.

Monday, October 28

Instrumental Ensemble, 1550 Dubuque Halloween Parade, 6 p.m.
Women's volleyball vs. Loras College, 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football, Union, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

NATS recital, Jansen Music Hall, 7 p.m.
Women's volleyball vs. Judson College, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

Movie "From Dusk to Dawn," Mary Jo Lounge, 8 p.m.
Pumpkin Carving Contest, Union, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

Scariest Story Telling Contest, Mary Fran Lounge, 9 p.m.
Trick or Treat Tour for local children, Mary Ben, 6-8 p.m.

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ly social hour/party package/
discounts. (800)366-4786.

SPORTS

Midnight madness

The men's and women's basketball teams are kicking off the 1996-97 season with Midnight Madness. It will be on Oct. 25 in the Kehl Center. There will be prizes for contests, games, and money prizes for best costumes.

10:30 p.m. Doors Open
 10:30-11:00 p.m. Free Play Activities
 1. Clown - face painting
 2. free throw shooting contest(best of 5) side baskets
 3. three point contest (1 out of 5) main basket
 4. last second shot - 1 second main basket(Mid-court circle)
 11:00-11:30 p.m. Organized Competition
 1. 3 legged race (4 groups of 4)
 2. Sack race (4 teams of 4)
 3. Knockout (4 teams of six)
 4. Cheerleader skit
 11:30p.m. 5. Costume Parade
 Midnight 1. Band Plays
 2. Teams enter, do lay-ups
 3. Introduction of players
 4. 3 pt contest
 5. Dunk contest -
 6. Comments by Jon Davison
 7. Dance



Photo by Evan Siegle

Basketball players David Sebranek, Jill Christopher and Jason Carney attempt to hang a banner. The banner invites all students, faculty and staff to attend Halloween Madness in the Kehl Center Oct. 25, at 10:30 p.m. Awards will be given for the best costume and other competitions. The event will give the Clarke community a chance to meet the basketball teams.

Athlete of the week

By Jeni Green

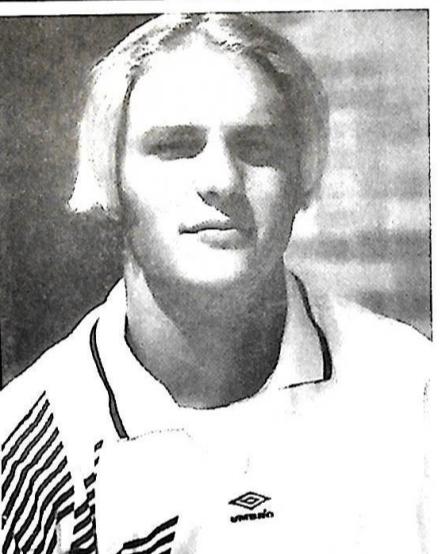
The Clarke College Athlete of the Week for Oct. 21-27 is Eric Christianson, or "Hollywood" as most people know him, a senior on the men's soccer team.

Up until this year, Christianson had played most positions on the field during a soccer game; however, he still had one position left to play. Goalkeeper.

Last week when the men's team traveled to take on conference rival Aurora University, Christianson played goalkeeper.

Despite the fact that this is a new position for him to play, he "did an excellent job," according to Chris Perez, head men's soccer coach.

In the two games Christianson has played goal (Aurora University and Wartburg College), he has a goals



Eric Christianson

against average of 1.66.

"Eric did what was asked of him when asked to play goalie and he did not complain about it. He did what was needed for the team," Perez said.

Last year, Christianson was named to the Midwest Classic Conference's All-Conference Team, and was the second leading scorer in the conference.



Fall sports get ready for final games

Women's Volleyball

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, the Crusader's got a conference win from Illinois Benedictine. The women fought hard, beating Benedictine in five games. Game scores were 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, 13-15, and 15-13.

Amy Stratton led the Crusaders in kills with 22 and Karen Martinek followed with 14. Defensively, Corene Shannon led Clarke with 30 digs.

The Crusaders travel to Minnesota on Saturday, Oct. 26, for the Martin Luther Invitational. The women also take on city rivals Loras on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Judson College on Wednesday, Oct. 29, also at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

The women finished off a long Tri-College weekend with a win over Cornell after losing to conference opponents Aurora 3-0 and Wartburg College 2-0. The Crusaders broke the half-time 1-1 tie against Cornell, answering with two more goals. The lone goal in the first half for the Crusaders came from Jennifer Goodrich. In the second half Keitha Stange and Kris "Little One" Hodapp each scored their first goal of the season and their collegiate careers. Jen Marin, Brooke Dreske and Mariah DeHeck each had one assist in the win.

This week the women play Bethel College on Saturday, Oct. 26. The game is at Clarke and begins at 2 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Last week the men saw a change on the soccer field Wednesday, Oct. 16, when they traveled to Aurora, Ill. Eric Christianson, for the first time, played goalie for the Crusaders, allowing only 2 goals in the 2-0 loss.

The Crusaders then traveled to Waverly, Iowa, to play Wartburg College. The men led for most of the game until a last-minute goal by Wartburg sent the game into a 2-2 overtime. The Crusaders were outscored in the overtime and lost 5-2.

This week the men will play Bethel College today at 4 p.m. and will also play here on Saturday, Oct. 26, against Augsburg at 12 noon.

Men's & Women's Cross Country

The men and women traveled to Lisle, Ill., on Friday, Oct. 11, and ran in the Eagle Invitational. The men placed 13th out of the 27 teams participating. Running for Clarke were B.J. Dorn, Bill Zibell, Curtis Witt, Chad Oberbroeckling, Tom Hummel, and Terry Norton.

The women placed 18th out of 25 teams. Finishing for the Crusaders were Sheila Burke, Monica McCarter, Geri Yakes and Bridget Kanter. Burke and McCarter placed 36th and 37th respectively.

Sports Schedules

Women's Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 28 Loras College
 Oct. 29 Judson College

Women's Soccer Schedule

Oct. 26 Bethel
 Oct. 29 William Penn

Nov. 2 Carthage

Men's Soccer Schedule

Oct. 26 Augsburg

Oct. 30 Loras

Men's and Women's Cross Country Schedule

Nov. 2 Regional Meet

Home	7 pm
Home	7:30 pm
Home	2 pm
Away	2:30 pm
Home	3 pm
Home	12 noon
Away	3 pm
TBA	TBA

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Alcohol
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By Katie Kendell
 On Easter weekend of 1994, family's lives were changed forever. Lombardi's son Jaydn was one of a drunken driving accident in O'Fallon, Ill. Lombardi, a sophomore in high school and one of the four people killed, spoke at O'Fallon Awareness Week, used a slide showing his son's story. As he talked about his son, he said, "I was a baby until the day he died, the only baby in the family's personal moments. The day he died, he was the only baby in the family." The accident that took Jaydn's life was the result of a driver of the car lost control at 100 mph while airborne. Jaydn suffered a head injury and died instantly. Lombardi said he was the only one in the car, three children and Lombardi said he was the only one in the car who survived. Jaydn was described as always being the life of the party, always smiling, always happy, always the center of attention. Jaydn was described as always being the life of the party, always smiling, always happy, always the center of attention.

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